

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 1246 by Representative McVea

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 13, after "dental" delete the remainder of the line, delete lines 14 and 15 in their entirety and in lieu thereof insert the following:

"service rendered or authorized by a licensed dentist on a covered person for which a dental service contractor or insurer is required to pay benefits to the dentist under a contractual agreement which such dentist. Such a service includes any service on which reimbursement is limited by a deductible, copayment, coinsurance, waiting period, annual maximum, or frequency limitation."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 3 through 6 in their entirety and in lieu thereof insert the following:

"C. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a dental service contractor or insurer from offering a dentist optional agreements for participation in a dental plan in which a dentist may choose to participate either with or without a provision to provide discounts to covered persons for non-covered services provided that all of the following apply:

(1) No dental service contractor or insurer may restrict in any manner the choice of any dentist to participate in the plan with or without an optional agreement providing for discounts on non-covered services except that the option for any dentist choosing to participate in the plan under such an optional agreement to cease providing such discounts under said optional agreement but still continue participating in the plan may be limited to each time said optional agreement is up for renewal.

(2) The provision for discounts on non-covered services shall be the only material difference between agreements entered into with a dentist who accepts such an optional agreement and those with a dentist who accepts a contract without said optional agreement."